

REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, Claims 4, 22, 24, 27, 30 were canceled. With this Amendment, Claims 1-3 and 5 are being canceled. No claims have been added or amended with this Amendment.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being allegedly anticipated by CAPLUS 2002: 982688. Claims 1-3 and 5 have been canceled without any prejudice to Applicants to file continuing applications.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Examiner allows Claims 20-21, 23, 25-26, 28-29 and 31-46.

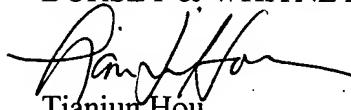
Claims 6-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 6 is an independent claim from which Claims 7-17 depend. Claim 18 is an independent claim from which Claim 19 depends. Claims 6-19 do not refer to any of rejected Claims 1-3 and 5. Claims 6-19 shall be allowed because the Examiner has indicated that they contain allowable subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of record are allowable and that the application should be passed to issue. Should the Examiner believe that the application is not in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would help further prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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